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BOARD TAKES FINAL ACTION ON REGULATIONS

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education took final action on two regulations related to the Kentucky Department of Education's Unbridled Learning activities.

The board approved 703 KAR 5:220, the regulation related to school and district accountability recognition and support. This regulation defines how schools and districts will be classified under the new accountability system. The board agreed on weights for the three main components of the accountability model.

- **Next-Generation Learners** **70%**
(achievement, growth, gap, college/career readiness, graduation rate)
- **Next-Generation Instructional Support** **20%**
(Program Reviews)
- **Next-Generation Professionals** **10%**
(effective teachers and leaders)

The board approved 703 KAR 5:230, the regulation related to next-generation instructional programs and support. This regulation describes how Program Reviews will be included in the district and school accountability model and defines a timeline for implementation.

- 2011-12 school year – field testing and public reporting of Program Reviews in arts and humanities, practical living/career studies and writing
- 2012-13 school year – field testing and public reporting of Program Reviews in kindergarten through 3rd grade program evaluation and world language; inclusion of Program Reviews in arts and humanities, practical living/career studies and writing in accountability calculations
- 2013-14 school year – inclusion of Program Reviews in kindergarten through 3rd grade program evaluation and world language in accountability calculations

The board also agreed on a definition of career readiness, for which students are considered career-ready if they meet benchmarks for one requirement in the Career-Ready Academic area and meet one requirement in the Career-Ready Technical area.

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- Career-Ready Academic – Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) or ACT WorkKeys
- Career-Ready Technical – Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment (KOSSA) or industry certificates

The board also approved a waiver of section 2 of state regulation 704 KAR 3:305 (Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation) for districts involved in the State Consortium on Board Examination Systems (SCOBES) and the Partnership for Next Generation Learning (PNGL). This approval enables these districts to pursue instructional programs that provide greater opportunities to engage students and ensure higher numbers of college- and career-ready students.

SCOBES Participants

Estill Co.
Franklin Co.
Logan Co.
Paris Ind.
Todd Co.

PNGL Participants

Barren Co.
Boone Co.
Boyle Co.
Danville Ind.
Daviess Co.

Eminence Ind.
Fayette Co.
Floyd Co.
Graves Co.
Jessamine Co.
Kenton Co.

Madison Co.
McCracken Co.
Scott Co. Co.
Washington Co.
Williamstown Ind.

The board took the following actions:

- elected David Karem to serve as chair and Roger Marcum to serve as vice-chair for 2011-12.
- approved appointments to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee:
 - Amanda Burns, Beechwood Elementary (Beechwood Ind.)
 - Nan Ternes, North Middle (Henderson Co.)
 - Claire Batt, Athens-Chilesburg Elementary (Fayette Co.)
 - Natalie Croney, Bowling Green High (Bowling Green Ind.)
 - Synthia Shelby, Jefferson County resource teacher
- approved 2011-12 preschool funding rates
- approved a facility plan for the Paducah Independent school district
- approved 2010-11 local district working budgets
- approved the fiscal year 2012 Kentucky Education Technology System unmet need and expenditure plan
- approved convening a stakeholder group to study whether middle schools should be required to comply with Kentucky High School Athletics Association health and safety requirements
- agreed to set September 14 as the date for a hearing related to the removal of Bath County Board of Education member William Boyd

The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5 in Frankfort.

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